GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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AMENDMENT TO SIXTH SCHEDULE TO CONSTITUTION
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to amend the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India with regard to the Administration of tribal areas in the State of Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has undertaken the consultation process with the State Governments concerned;

(c) if so, the details of such consultations and the views expressed by them;

(d) the final views of the Government on the amendment proposal; and

(e) the time by which the amendment is likely to be enacted?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJiBHAI VASAVA)

(a) to (d): Action has been initiated for amending the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India for empowering the Autonomous District Councils set up in the states of Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura. The proposal inter alia includes setting up of mandatory elected village councils, State Finance commission, holding elections to the village council and district councils by the State Election Commission etc.

(e); The process of consultation with the concerned State Governments has been completed and their views have been taken into account while finalizing proposals. Inter-ministerial consultations are continuing on the said proposal. Efforts are on to complete the process soon; however no specific time-frame can be indicated in this regard.